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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants

: Robert Terkeltaub et al.

Application No.

09/661,848

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September 14, 2000

For

METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR DIAGNOSING

AND TREATING ARTHRITIC DISORDERS AND

REGULATING BONE MASS

Examiner:

Bronwen M. Loeb, Ph.D.

Docket No.

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Date

February 3, 2003

Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated October 1, 2002, please extend the period of time for response three months, to expire on February 3, 2003 (February 1, 2003 is a Saturday). Enclosed are a Petition for an Extension of Time and the requisite fee.

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated October 1, 2002, please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-2, 6-10, and 16-112 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 3-5, 11 and 15 to read as follows: